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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of CIA Subcommittee of Senate Armed Services Committee - 2:30-4:30 P.M. - 4 March 1955

PRESENT: Senator Richard Russell, Chairman
Senator Leverett Saltonstall
Senator Styles Bridges
Mr. William Darden, Staff

FOR CIA: Mr. Allen Dulles
General C. P. Cabell
Mr. Lyman Kirkpatrick
Colonel L. K. White
Mr. Richard Helms
Mr. Sherman Kent

1. Mr. Dulles gave the bulk of the briefing covering the DD/S area, part of DD/I, and giving Mr. Helms the last portion of the period to talk about the Clandestine Services. Colonel White was called on to cover in some detail the Communications Office. Both Colonel White and the Director covered in some detail the Security Office and the use of the polygraph. Logistics was well covered with special reference to the Guatemala operation.

2. The following are the questions asked by the Senators:

How do we check on the security of our people?

Do we do any wire tapping in the U.S.?

What is the size of the 1955 budget?

How much do we spend on psychological warfare?

How many people do we have on duty?

Are we bound by the hiring and firing regulations that govern other government agencies?

What other country has an organization like CIA?

What happens to the family of a U.S. agent who is killed?

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Does G-2 trust us? What would the Chief of Staff of the Army say about CIA support if asked?

Does anybody hold out information on CIA?

Are relations with the FBI satisfactory?

How do the Soviets transfer money for clandestine operations?

What percentage of our operations are failures--our money wasted?

How does the work of USIA differ from that of CIA?

How does CIA procure foreign arms?

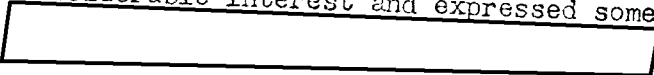


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3. In connection with the questions the Senators made the following comments:

a. They expressed the opinion that the DCI had an absolute right to terminate and was not bound by the rules and regulations of other government departments. (The DCI commented that he had used his termination power exclusively in security cases.)

b. Senator Bridges said he was reasking the question whether we did any wire tapping in the United States purely for the record.

c. They evidenced considerable interest and expressed some dismay when told about 

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d. Senator Saltonstall in asking for a breakdown on the budget pointed out that questions would be in much greater detail this year "because 35 Senators had signed the Mansfield Bill".



Lyman B. Kirkpatrick
Inspector General

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BRIEFING OF SENATE ARMED SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE ON
ORGANIZATION, MISSIONS AND DIRECTIVES OF CIA

4 March 1955

2:30 P.M. Friday, 4 March 1955

1. Organization, Mission and Directives
Allen W. Dulles, Director 2:30 - 3:00 P.M.
2. Relations with the Armed Services
Lt. General Charles P. Cabell, Deputy Director 3:00 - 3:20 P.M.
3. The Intelligence Structure and National Estimates
Sherman Kent, Assistant Director for National Estimates 3:20 - 3:40 P.M.
4. Operations
Richard Helms, Chief of Operations, DD/P 3:40 - 4:00 P.M.
5. The Support Organization
L. K. White, Deputy Director (Support) 4:00 - 4:15 P.M.
6. Recent Organizational Changes
Lyman B. Kirkpatrick, Inspector General 4:15 - 4:30 P.M.

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BRIEFING OF SENATE ARMED SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE ON
THE WORLD-WIDE INTELLIGENCE PICTURE

2:30 P.M. Tuesday, 8 March 1955

1. Introduction
Frank G. Wisner, Deputy Director (Plans) 2:30 - 2:50 P.M.
2. The U.S.S.R.
[redacted] Chief SR Division 2:50 - 3:10 P.M. 25X1
3. Communist China
[redacted] 3:10 - 3:30 P.M. 25X1
4. Southeast Asia
[redacted] 3:30 - 3:50 P.M. 25X1
5. Western Europe
[redacted] Chief WE Division 3:50 - 4:10 P.M. 25X1
6. Latin America
[redacted] Deputy Chief WH Division 4:10 - 4:30 P.M. 25X1
7. Middle East and Africa
Kermit Roosevelt, Assistant Deputy Director (Plans) 4:30 - 4:50 P.M.

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